Marketing Officers.

178. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) when did the two Marketing Officers of the State take charge of their offices;

(2) what is the nature of the work that they do at present;

(3) what are the works that they are expected to do?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.— (1) The Marketing Officer for Crops took charge of his office on 28th Meenom 1110 and the Marketing Officer for Livestock on 1st Medam 1110.

(2) They are at present engaged in a survey of marketing conditions in the State with particular reference to the following items.—

(a) Rice and paddy.

(b) Groundnuts.

(c) Bananas and Pineapples.

(d) Livestock and Dairy products such as cattle, sheep and goats, poultry, milk, butter, eggs, hides, skins, etc.

(3) The following are the works they are expected to do·

(a) Marketing survey of the State with reference to all important agricultural crops, plantation products and fruits, livestock and dairy products.

(b) Development of markets.

(c) Work on standard grades on all the items referred to in (a).

179. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what are the functions of the Marketing Officers recently appointed by the Government; and

(2) what are they now doing?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.— (1) The functions of the Marketing Officers are:—

(a) Marketing survey of the State with reference to all important Agricultural crops, plantation products and fruits, livestock and dairy products.

(b) Development of markets.

(c) Work on standard grades on all the items referred to in (a).

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